

OUR FOREIGN TRADE HAS BROKEN ALL RECORDS.

\$2,000,000,000 Mark Will Be Passed by the End of This Year, According to Treasury Department Statistics.

Increase in Exports and Imports Is from Shipments of Manufactures and Products of Mines and Forests.

Exports \$35,000,000 Less in Foodstuffs Than in 1898 Small Advance in the Value of Importations.

Our Great Record in Foreign Commerce.

Ten months	Imports	Exports	Total
1899...	\$1,988,217,217	\$1,970,682,549	\$3,958,900,000
1898...	\$1,980,582,472	\$1,940,450,213	\$3,921,032,685
1897...	\$1,704,105,359	\$1,711,018,018	\$3,415,123,377
1896...	\$1,677,000,000	\$1,677,000,000	\$3,354,000,000
1895...	\$1,565,010,000	\$1,565,010,000	\$3,130,020,000
1894...	\$1,410,123,485	\$1,410,123,485	\$2,820,246,970
1893...	\$1,270,123,485	\$1,270,123,485	\$2,540,246,970
1892...	\$1,120,123,485	\$1,120,123,485	\$2,240,246,970
1891...	\$970,123,485	\$970,123,485	\$1,940,246,970
1890...	\$820,123,485	\$820,123,485	\$1,640,246,970

If the average total foreign commerce for one month—\$168,761,741—is reached during November and December the grand total for the year will exceed \$2,025,000,000.

Washington, Nov. 17.—An examination of the all but completed official statistics of foreign trade of the United States for 1899 discloses the startling fact that the value of exports for that period will certainly exceed \$2,000,000,000.

The figures for the ten months inclusive of October are available, and for every month there has been shown a big increase in foreign commerce over the same month of the preceding year.

An analysis of the figures at the Treasury Bureau of Statistics reveals the pleasing fact that while the exportation of agricultural products has nearly held its own, notwithstanding an absence of the demand abroad for our breadstuffs, such as characterized the situation last year, there has been a fine showing in the exportation of the products of the factories, mines and the forests.

Little Fall in Cereals.

Identical crops here and an opposite condition prevailing abroad last year resulted in bumper shipments of cereals, but the reports for ten months show that the value of agricultural products sent out this year will fall only about \$35,000,000 below the figures of last year.

The total exportations for the ten months are \$40,000,000 in excess of last year, and the reason is obvious. The United States has exported during the ten months, ending with October, manufactures to the value of \$20,000,000 in excess of last year and \$35,000,000 in excess of 1897. The products of the mines sent abroad increased in value \$4,000,000 above those of the same months of the preceding year. The forests have contributed to the foreign market the value of \$1,000,000 in excess of the figures for the same months of 1898, so that the exportation of goods in general has shown a greater increase than ever before in the history of the country.

Small Increase in Imports.

It is also gratifying to find that the figures tell of only a small increase in imports. For the ten months already passed the total importations were valued at \$3,958,900,000, as against \$3,974,000,000 for the corresponding months of last year.

The imports are shown to consist principally of supplies for the manufacturers who have sold so heavily abroad and in articles of food that are not produced in this country. Manufactures received from abroad for the same months ending with September, \$350,000,000, which sum exactly counterbalances the increase in exportations for the period.

Sugar Heads the List of Importations for this Period.

A total, amounting to \$30,000,000, out of a total in foodstuffs of about \$38,000,000. There were \$10,000,000 of luxuries or articles of voluntary use imported.

COLER TALKS OF TAXES IN RURAL DISTRICTS.

Fails to See Benefits of Consolidation. A Rap at the Ramapo.

St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 17.—Comptroller Bird S. Coler, in an address on "The Financial Effects of Consolidation" before the People's Institute at Cooper Union last night, declared that taxation in the boroughs of Richmond and Queens has been but little lightened, if at all, owing to the substitution of "wholly unnecessary, expensive and largely unproductive" metropolitan government for rural township government.

The speaker declared that there was much waste in the matter of service in the outlying rural portions of Greater New York. As an example, he cited a rap at the Ramapo water supply, docks and subway rights occupied a great part of the address, and Mr. Coler did not fail to give a rap at the Ramapo water steal—his remarks being met by hearty applause.

GIRL CAUGHT STEALING QUOTES SHAKESPEARE.

Well Dressed Young Woman's Novel Pleading with Department Store Detectives Is Futile.

"The quality of mercy is not strained. It blesses him that gives and him that takes," cried Alice Nelson, a well-dressed young woman, as she threw herself prostrate at the feet of the detectives who had apprehended her yesterday afternoon in the act of taking goods worth \$16.37 from the counters of a Fourteenth street department store.

"Bless me that takes, does it?" said Detective Fumston. "You'll have to continue the Judge of that, my lass. Come with me." And he led her screaming through the throng of shoppers.

She will be arraigned to-day on the charge of petty larceny in the Jefferson Market Court.

Notice to the Public.

The cars of the Third Avenue Railroad Company, between 65th St. and Ann St., will not run Sunday morning, November 19, 1899, for a short time after two o'clock, to permit the changing of the motive power from cable to electricity on that section.

THE LATEST FASHIONS worn by the aristocrats who attend the Horse Show are disclosed in the fashion pages of the great Sunday Journal. It is out November 19, and you shall know more about dress when you read it. No woman should let this chance go by.

THE BOERS PREPARE TO ADVANCE. BOERS ARE MEETING AT ESTCOURT.

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